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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Notice of Maximum Amount of Assistance Under the Individuals  
and Households Program

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: FEMA gives notice of the maximum amount for  
assistance under the Individuals and Households Program for  
emergencies and major disasters declared on or after  
October 1, 2009.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2009, and applies to emergencies  
and major disasters declared on or after October 1, 2009.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 408 of the Robert T.  
Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (the  
Stafford Act), 42 U.S.C. 5174, prescribes that FEMA must  
annually adjust the maximum amounts for assistance provided  
under the Individuals and Households (IHP) Program. FEMA  
gives notice that the maximum amount of IHP financial  
assistance provided to an individual or household under

section 408 of the Stafford Act with respect to any single emergency or major disaster is \$29,900. The decrease in award amount as stated above is for any single emergency or major disaster declared on or after October 1, 2009. In addition, in accordance with 44 CFR § 61.17(c), this adjustment includes the maximum amount of available coverage under any Group Flood Insurance Policy (GFIP) issued for those disasters.

FEMA bases the adjustment on a decrease in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers of 1.5 percent for the 12-month period ended in August 2009. The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor released the information on September 16, 2009.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.048,  
Individuals and Households - Housing; 97.049 Individuals and  
Households - Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050,  
Individuals and Households - Other Needs.

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